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For: AGENTS AND METHODS FOR PROMOTING PRODUCTION GAINS
IN ANIMALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, immediately following the title, please insert the following sentence: -This is a nationalization of PCT/NZ00/99926 filed March 13, 2000 and published in English.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 37 through page 12, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph.

A2 --Suitable classes of antistress agents, including glucocorticoid inhibitors, corticotrophin releasing hormone inhibitors, ACTH inhibitors, cholecystokinin inhibitors, benzodiazepines, gamma amino butyric acid potentiators, anti-glutaminergics and serotonergics amongst others. Preferred classes of antistress agents are pyridyl propanones including metyrapone, antiprogestins including mifepristone (RU 38486), and benzoylamino dipropylamino oxopentanoics including proglumide, and amino acids or peptides such as astressin, which is a corticotropin releasing factor (CRF)